

Sentani language

Sentani or Buyaka is a Papuan language of Papua, Indonesia. It is spoken in about 30 scattered villages. Dialects are East, West, and Central (*Ethnologue*).

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Sentani	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Lake Sentani, Papua
Native speakers	30,000 (1996) ^[1]
Language family	Northwest Papuan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Demta-Sentani ▪ Sentani proper ▪ Sentani
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	set
Glottolog	nucl1632 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nucl1632) ^[2]

Phonology

Consonants

	<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>	m		n			
<u>Plosive</u>	b		d		k	
<u>Fricative</u>		f~φ	s			h
<u>Approximant</u>	w		l	j		

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e	ə	o
Open(-mid)	ɛ	a	

Central Sentani

Central Sentani phonology from Foley (2018): Foley's (2018) classification is:^[3]

Consonants

m	n		
p		k	
f			h
w	l	j	
	r		

Vowels

i		u
e	ə	o
æ	a	

Citations

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External links

- [Written materials for Sentani are available through Kaipuleohone](#)

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